GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:349
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SHORTAGE OF COAL FOR POWER GENERATION
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of thermal power plants are not getting the requisite quantity of coal as per their requirement;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;

(c) the average demand and the quantum of coal supplied to thermal power plants during the last three years and till date;

(d) the quantum of coal imported during the period to meet requisite demand of these plants in the country; and

(e) the efforts being made by the Government to ensure smooth supply of coal to them during the Eleventh Plan period?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) to (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 349 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 07.09.2007 REGARDING SHORTAGE OF COAL FOR POWER GENERATION.

(a) & (b) : During the year 2007-08 (April − August 2007), coal receipt at the power stations was of the order of 85% of the linkage required for consumption and building the stock upto normative level.

Lower production of coal consequent to heavy rains during this period was the main reason for less supply of coal to thermal power stations.

(c) : The total coal linkage from domestic sources and planned import of coal, receipt and consumption at the thermal power stations of power utilities during the last three years and current year (April to August, 2007) is given below :

(Figures in Million Tonnes)

Year	Coal Linkage & imports planned	Coal Receipt	% Coal Receipt	Coal Consumed
2004-05	304.24	280.60	92.2	277.74
2005-06	317.41	292.63	92.2	281.34
2006-07	338.56	303.30	89.6	302.54
2007-08# (Apr-Aug 07)	153.11	129.51	85.0	129.97

Includes provisional data for the month of August, 2007.

(d) : The quantum of coal imported by the utility power stations in the country during the above period is given below :

Year	Quantity (Million Tonne)
2004-05	4.527
2005-06	10.443
2006-07	9.664
2007-08 (upto 31.8.2007)	4.279 (Provisional; including coal received at ports)

(e) : The following steps are being taken by the Government to ensure smooth supply of coal to thermal power stations:

@ Monitoring of coal supply position to thermal power stations by Central Electricity Authority and Ministry of Power on daily basis.

@ Regular periodic monitoring of production, transportation and stock of coal at all the major thermal power stations by an Inter-Ministerial Group headed by Additional Secretary, Ministry of Coal to address the constraints.

@ Import of coal to meet the shortfall in supply of coal from domestic sources.